



# Flight 93 National Memorial

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Paul Murdoch, Architect



*Timeless in simplicity and beauty,  
like its landscape, both stark and serene,  
the Memorial should be quiet in reverence,  
yet powerful in form,  
a place both solemn and uplifting.*

*It should instill pride, and humility.  
The Memorial should offer intimate experience,  
yet be heroic in scale.  
Its strong framework should be open to natural change  
and allow freedom of personal interpretation.*

*We want to restore life here,  
to heal the land, and nourish our souls.  
In this place, a scrap yard will become a gateway  
and a strip mine will grow into a flowering meadow.*

*But more than restoring health,  
the Memorial should be radiant,  
in loving memory of the passengers and crew  
who gave their lives on Flight 93.*



# Site Plan





# Initial Phase of Construction

Completion by September 11, 2011



The final resting place of the passengers and crew is the heart of the Flight 93 National Memorial and will remain untouched. Visitors will be able to view the crash site from the **Memorial Plaza**. The names of the 40 passengers and crew will be inscribed on the wall of the plaza as it follows the flight path of the plane.

At the **Arrival Court**, visitors will be greeted by volunteer Ambassadors and National Park Service rangers who will be available to answer questions and provide additional information about September 11 and the actions of the passengers and crew of Flight 93.

## Construction 2010-2011

- The open field will be graded to define the **Field of Honor** and create a gentle slope down to the crash site.
- The **Ring Road** (around the open field) will be built to provide access to the crash site.
- A parking area and **Arrival Court** will be constructed near the Memorial Plaza.
- The **Memorial Plaza** will be built in front of the crash site for public viewing of the area.
- The **Approach Road** to the park will extend from U.S. Route 30 and will lead visitors to the Ring Road.





# Next Phase of Construction

Anticipated completion in 2014



The Entry Portal. Paul Murdoch Architects

Large memorial walls will frame the sky where Flight 93 once flew. The height of the walls will approximate the altitude of the plane (40-50 feet) as it passed overhead. Visitors will pass through the **Entry Portal** for their first view of the crash site and the open expanse of the Field of Honor. The **Visitor Center** with interpretive exhibits will be built between the walls. Visitors may then drive or walk to the Memorial Plaza and reflect upon their experience and the story of Flight 93.

Encircling the Field of Honor will be a tree-lined walkway, or **Allée**, built on a raised earth form, at the same time as the Portal Walls and the permanent Visitor Center. The Allée will be flanked by **40 Memorial Groves** of trees.



The Allée and Memorial Groves. Paul Murdoch Architects

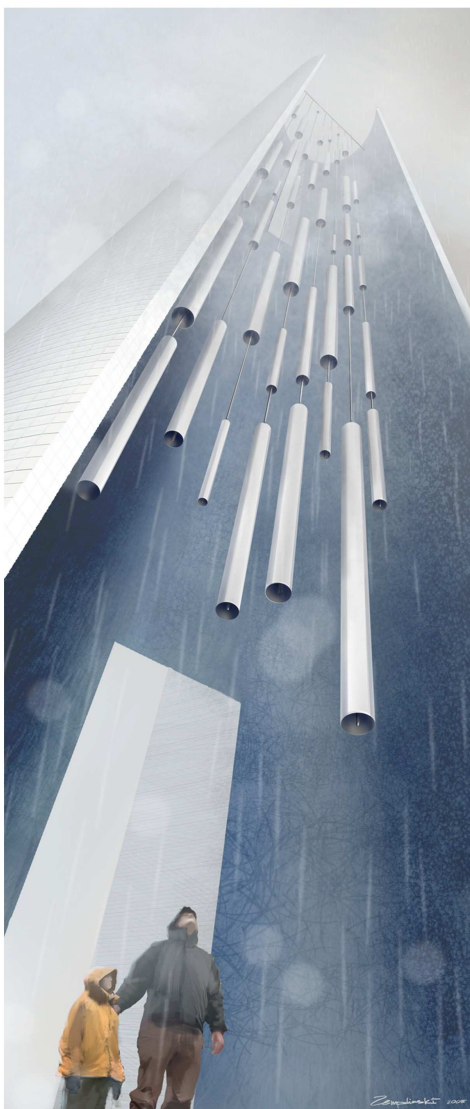


The Western Overlook. Paul Murdoch Architects

The **Western Overlook**, at the edge of the Field of Honor, overlooks the crash site. Visitors will be able to see where the investigation efforts were centered and where the families and the nation first viewed the crash site.



# Final Phase of Construction



Tower of Voices . Paul Murdoch Architects

A 93-foot **Tower of Voices** will be built in the future. The Tower will serve as a landmark from the highway, marking the gateway to the park. Set among rings of trees, the Tower is planned to house 40 wind chimes that will serve as an enduring echo of the voices of the passengers and crew.



Future Tower of Voices as seen from the entrance to the Memorial.  
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